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BEIRUT, LEBANON, JULY 22 (AP) - REPORTS OF AN ABORTED PLOT TO BOMB

PRESIDENT GAMAL ABDEL NASSER'S VILLA CAME OUT OF CAIRO TODAY ON THE EVE OF THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION THAT BROUGHT NASSER TO POWER.

THE NEWSPAPER LE SOIR OF BEIRUT SAID THE ARREST OF THE WELL-KNOWN EGYPTIAN JOURNALIST MUSTAFA AMIN WAS CONNECTED WITH THE CASE.

BUT IN CAIRO THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY ASSERTED THAT AMIN WAS PICKED UP AT HIS HOME IN ALEXANDRIA YESTERDAY AS HE PASSED SECURITY INFORMATION TO BRUCE TAYLOR O'DELL, 27, POLITICAL ATTACHE OF THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CAIRO. IT CLAIMED BOTH WERE CONNECTED WITH THE U.S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY (CIA).

WITHOUT GIVING ITS SOURCE, LE SOIR SAID AIR FORCE SQUADRON LEADER MOHAMMED ISSA NASR SEIZED AN ILYUSHIN BOMBER JULY 16 AT MAAMOURA AIRPORT TO BOMB THE VILLA IN ALEXANDRIA WHERE NASSER WAS STAYING.

BY LE SOIR'S ACCOUNT AIRPORT CONTROL OFFICERS SAW NASR AND HIS CONFEDERATES LOADING BOMBS ABOARD THE PLANE, CHALLENGED THEM AND FOUR OF THE PLOTS WERE KILLED IN A MELEE. BUT NASR AND A COMPANION MANAGED TO TAKE OFF IN THE PLANE AND WERE SHOT DOWN 40 MILES WEST OF ALEXANDRIA, LE SOIR SAID.

THE NEWSPAPER ADDED THAT IN ADDITION TO AMIN, MANY OTHERS WERE ARRESTED, INCLUDING TWO HIGH FOREIGN OFFICIALS AND A HIGH OFFICIAL OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE MINISTRY.

IN CAIRO, THE GOVERNMENT NEWS AGENCY SAID AMIN WAS ARRESTED IN ALEXANDRIA AS HE HANDED OVER TO O'DELL (CQ) A WEEKLY REPORT CONTAINING INFORMATION HARMFUL TO EGYPT'S SECURITY. IT REPORTED O'DELL ALSO WAS ARRESTED BUT WAS RELEASED UPON CLAIMING DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

THE AGENCY CHARGED O'DELL ACTUALLY WAS A CIA AGENT AND WAS COLLECTING "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND MILITARY INFORMATION HARMFUL TO THE SECURITY OF THE COUNTRY." IT CALLED AMIN "AN AGENT OF THE CIA."

THERE WAS NO COMMENT FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY IN CAIRO. WHEN THE REPORT FIRST LEAKED OUT WEDNESDAY, HOWEVER, THE STATE DEPARTMENT DENIED ANY MEMBER OF THE EMBASSY HAD BEEN ARRESTED. IT SAID AN OFFICER OF THE EMBASSY HAPPENED TO BE AT AMIN'S HOME IN ALEXANDRIA WHEN AMIN WAS ARRESTED, WAS QUESTIONED BY POLICE BUT LATER RETURNED TO CAIRO.

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THE AGENCY SAID THE REPORT HANDED TO O'DELL HAD QUESTIONS WRITTEN IN HIS HANDWRITING, AND THE ANSWERS WERE WRITTEN BY AMIN.

U.S. AMBASSADOR LUCIUS BATTLE WAS SUMMONED TO A BRIEF MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MAHMUD RIAD TO DISCUSS THE AFFAIR.

ODELL, FROM MASSACHUSETTS, LIVES WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE YOUNG CHILDREN IN THE CAIRO SUBURB OF MAADI. THERE WAS NO REPORT WHETHER HE HAD BEEN ASKED TO LEAVE EGYPT.

INFORMED SOURCES IN CAIRO SAID THE AGENCY'S ACCOUNT OF THE INCIDENT WAS DISTORTED. THEY REPORTED AMIN HAS SOCIAL ENGAGEMENTS FROM TIME TO TIME WITH AMERICANS AND WAS HAVING A ROUTINE LUNCHEON WITH O'DELL WHEN ARRESTED.

THE SOURCES SAID O'DELL WAS DETAINED FOR 90 MINUTES AND RELEASED AFTER SHOWING AN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC PASSPORT.

AMIN EDITED THE NATIONALIZED WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AKUBAR AL-YOM. THE NEWSPAPER FOLLOWS NASSER'S GOVERNMENT LINE AND AMIN HIMSELF HAS OCCASIONALLY WRITTEN ANTI-AMERICAN EDITORIALS.

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